total call units only. Further, formation and management of telecom districts are not based on any economic zone criteria.

(d) Does not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Donation for ARIs

1435. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have closed the donation for the Agro industries;

(b) whether the funds released by Government are not enough to run these industries; and

(c) if so, the details about the Agro industries and the release of funds in the year 2003-04?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) while donations are not given by the Government for setting up of agro and rural industries, the Government has been implementing through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) to promote and assist setting up of village industries, including agro industries. The REGP is a credit-linked subsidy (margin money assistance) programme with the following principal features:

(i) Implementing agencies: Public sector Banks, regional rural banks, private sector Banks approved by the State/Union Territory (UT) Khadi and Village Industry (KVI) Boards and co-operative Banks approved by the State/UT KVI Boards.

(ii) Eligible beneficiaries: Individual entrepreneurs, self-help groups, institutions, co-operative societies, trusts and public limited companies owned by the State/Central Governments.

(iii) Pattern of Government's financial assistance: The details of margin money assistance given by the Government are as in the table below:

Margin money assistance under REGP

Sl. No	Category of beneficiary	Project cost	Margin money assistance
1.	General	Upto Rs. 10 lakh	25 per cent of project cost
2.	SC/ST/Women/Ex-servicemen/NE Region/ Hill areas	Upto Rs. 10 lakh	30 per cent of project cost
3.	General	Rs. 10 lakh and Upto Rs. 25 lakh	Rs. 2.5 lakh + 10 percent of balance project cost.
4.	SC/ST/Women/Ex-servicemen/NE Region/Hill areas	Rs. 10 lakh and upto Rs. 25 lakh	Rs. 3 lakh + 10 per cent of balance project cost.

NOTE: SC/ST-Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe; NE-North Eastern

The projects under the REGP are sanctioned after due approval by the banks.

(b) Government does not provide funds for running industries under the REGP. It provides a capital subsidy at the time of setting up the project. Under the REGP loan is sanctioned by the banks to the entrepreneurs after due appraisal of the project report prepared by him, which, *inter alia*, takes into account the beneficiary's contribution and also his capacity to provide the working capital to run the project. Funds are released by the bank after appraisal. Hence, the question of release of insufficient funds by the Government does not arise.

(c) During 2003-04, 24747 projects were set up under the REGP throughout the country. A sum of Rs. 281.75 crore was released by the Government under the REGP during this period.

PMRY in Maharashtra

1436. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govenment have recently rseviewed performance of on-going projects under the Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Yojana in Maharashtra;